

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 28, 2021
TELECONFERENCED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS
3:30 P.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Merrick called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Brian Merrick; Vice Chair Lance Simmens; and Commissioners Scott Dittrich, Wade Major, and James Palmer

ALSO PRESENT: Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Troy Spayd, Assistant Public Works Director; Travis Hart, Public Works Superintendent; Brandie Ayala, Senior Administrative Assistant; Parker Davis, Media Technician; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Dittrich moved and Commissioner Palmer seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on March 23, 2021.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala stated written communication was distributed to the Commissioners.

Scott Jacobs thanked the Commission for its unanimous support of speed humps on Birdview Avenue. He stated speed humps could not be on an incline or decline. He stated Birdview Avenue was dangerous for pedestrians. He stated trees on the westbound side

impaired sight lines of drivers traveling down the hill. He discussed fencing around burned-out properties.

ITEM 1.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Works Director DuBoux thanked resident Scott Jacobs for his work on gathering support for the petition to place speed humps on Birdview Avenue. He discussed speed humps being placed on slopes and stated it was not recommended.

Public Works Superintendent Hart updating the Commission on the routine maintenance duties and preparing for the upcoming summer months. He stated the maintenance crews had begun the weed abatement program and anticipate them completing it by June. He stated the permit work on Malibu Canyon Road and stated they should be done by the end of May. He stated Caltrans would be hosting a virtual community meeting on Thursday, April 29 to present an update on their culvert repairs including the culvert at Solstice Canyon.

In response to Commission Dittrich, Public Works Superintendent Hart started the portion of roadway near the apartments on Civic Center Way was paved on Monday of this week.

ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Merrick discuss the email received from Jae Flora Katz and Scott Jacobs concerns about the lack of a sidewalk on Birdview Avenue. He stated he attended the last Council meeting and gave them an update on the Commission's recent activities.

In response to Commission Palmer, Public Works Director DuBoux stated Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian would connect with Commissioner Palmer to discuss concerns about the drainage near Bayshore Drive.

Commissioner Palmer stated the Planning Commission was scheduled to discuss parking for the Farmers Market. He stated the City process should not be so long or difficult for a community event.

Vice Chair Simmens agreed with Commissioner Palmer. He stated responsibility for parking issues should be split between the Public Works Commission and Public Safety Commission. He discussed an email from Jae Flora Katz about the need to provide a safe walkway on Birdview Avenue.

Commissioner Major commended staff for the Civic Center Way improvements.

Vice Chair Simmens agreed with Commissioner Major.

Commissioner Dittrich stated he agreed with Commissioner Major and Vice Chair Simmens about great improvements on Civic Center Way. He suggested Commissioners contact their appointing Councilmember to have parking added to the Commission's assignments. He agreed issues could be shared by two commissions.

Commissioner Major thanked Public Works Superintendent Hart for his prompt response to insect his concerns regarding the existing retaining wall and the pavement cracking on Big Rock Drive south of Rockport Way.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Dittrich moved and Commissioner Major seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items
None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2021

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Works Commission and Public Safety Commission Joint Special meeting March 11, 2021.

2. Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2021

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Works Commission Adjourned Regular meeting March 24, 2021.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Improvement Projects and Disaster Recovery Projects Status Report

Staff recommendation: Receive and file report on the status of the City's current and upcoming Capital Improvements Projects and Disaster Recovery Projects.

Assistant Public Works Director Spayd presented the report. He confirmed the Birdview Avenue speed humps were included as part of the street maintenance project.

Commissioner Dittrich asked if the City reached out to residents about the speed humps on Birdview Avenue. Public Works Director DuBoux stated part of the process included a petition from the neighborhood. He commended Scott Jacobs for including nearly all residents in the neighborhood.

Public Works Superintendent Hart presented the report on projects currently in construction. He stated backordered materials for the City Hall roof replacement were expected the week of May 10. He stated the Bluffs Park workout station should be open to the public next week. He discussed final items to be completed on the Civic Center Way project. He stated the project should close by the end of May.

Chair Merrick agreed with other Commissioners that Civic Center Way looked great.

B. Corral Canyon Road Turnout Area and Signage

Staff recommendation: 1) Receive a presentation regarding an emergency turnout area on Corral Canyon Road and the placement of the fire warning sign; and 2) Provide recommendations regarding the turnout area and fire warning sign.

Public Works Director DuBoux presented the report. He described issues on Corral Canyon Road and potential locations for fire warning signs or a turnout. He provided a presentation about possible remedies. In response to Chair Merrick, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the recommended location for a flip-down warning sign was outside the city limits. He stated permission from SCE and County approval would be required to place the sign on the power pole.

Vice Chair Simmens expressed concern about the possibility of an unauthorized person flipping the sign. Public Works Director DuBoux stated that could be an issue. He discussed other sign options. Chair Merrick stated it was important to limit the City's responsibility and liability.

Commissioner Dittrich stated he agreed with the sign location. He suggested installing a fixed sign to instruct motorists of the turnaround option during a fire. He stated regular visitors would become familiar with the sign and would be likely to know what to do in an emergency.

Chair Merrick agreed that would work with residents of Corral Canyon, but it would not be a model for other canyons in Malibu.

Commissioner Major stated whatever was installed for Corral Canyon should be used in other similar locations throughout the City for consistency. He stated he agreed with having a flip sign if it could be locked. He asked about different types of flip signs. Public Works Director DuBoux stated size would depend on the

wording on the sign. Commissioner Major stated whatever was installed should be a template for other locations.

Commissioner Dittrich inquired about costs for a flip solar sign or a flat sign, and how long it would take to acquire and install those signs. Public Works Director DuBoux discussed costs for conventional signs and solar signs. He stated custom signs would take less than a month. He stated a solar sign would cost approximately \$15,000 and would take much longer.

Public Works Director DuBoux discussed potential locations for a turnout. He stated the City has only a 40-foot right of way and at least 48 to 50 feet were needed.

In response to Chair Merrick, Public Works Director DuBoux confirmed the location was owned by the State of California. He stated the project would require additional paving and grading, as well as guardrails and parking restrictions. He discussed another location, owned by the City of Los Angeles, that was less viable due to additional work that would be necessary. In response to Chair Merrick, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the location previously identified closer to the hairpin was not feasible due to insufficient space.

In response to Commissioner Dittrich, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the 48-foot minimum right of way was required.

MOTION Chair Merrick moved and Commissioner Palmer seconded a motion to request that staff report back on right of way issues for installing a turnout on Corral Canyon Road. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION Vice Chair Simmens moved and Commissioner Major seconded a motion to request that staff investigate pricing and design options for fire warning signs along Corral Canyon Road. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Palmer agreed with Commissioner Major about the need for consistency throughout the City.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 4:35 p.m., Chair Merrick adjourned the meeting.

Approved and adopted by the Public Works Commission of the
City of Malibu on May 26, 2021.


LANCE SIMMENS, Vice Chair

ATTEST:


BRANDIE AYALA, Senior Administrative Assistant